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Via ECFS

Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
44 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

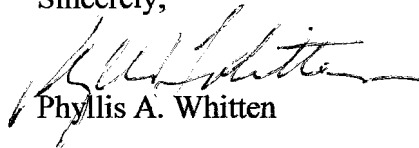
Re: CC Docket 96-45, Compliance Report Required by Section 54.209

Dear Secretary Dortch:

Transmitted herewith on behalf of Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. ("Pine Belt") is an Annual Compliance Report ("Report") for the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 containing the information required by Section 54.209 of the Commission's Rules. This Report also has been transmitted by e-mail to USAC.

Please contact me by telephone or e-mail if you have questions. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Phyllis A. Whitten

Enclosure

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## **I. Progress on Five Year Service Quality Plan**

For the period July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008 Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. ("Pine Belt") undertook the following network improvement projects

1. Constructed 2 new base stations.
2. Constructed 2 new repeater sites.
3. Reconfigured 2 existing base stations.
4. Increased voice channel capacity at all existing base stations.

As illustrated in the following table, Pine Belt Cellular's investment in telecommunications plant in service and under construction increased by the amount of \$577,772.

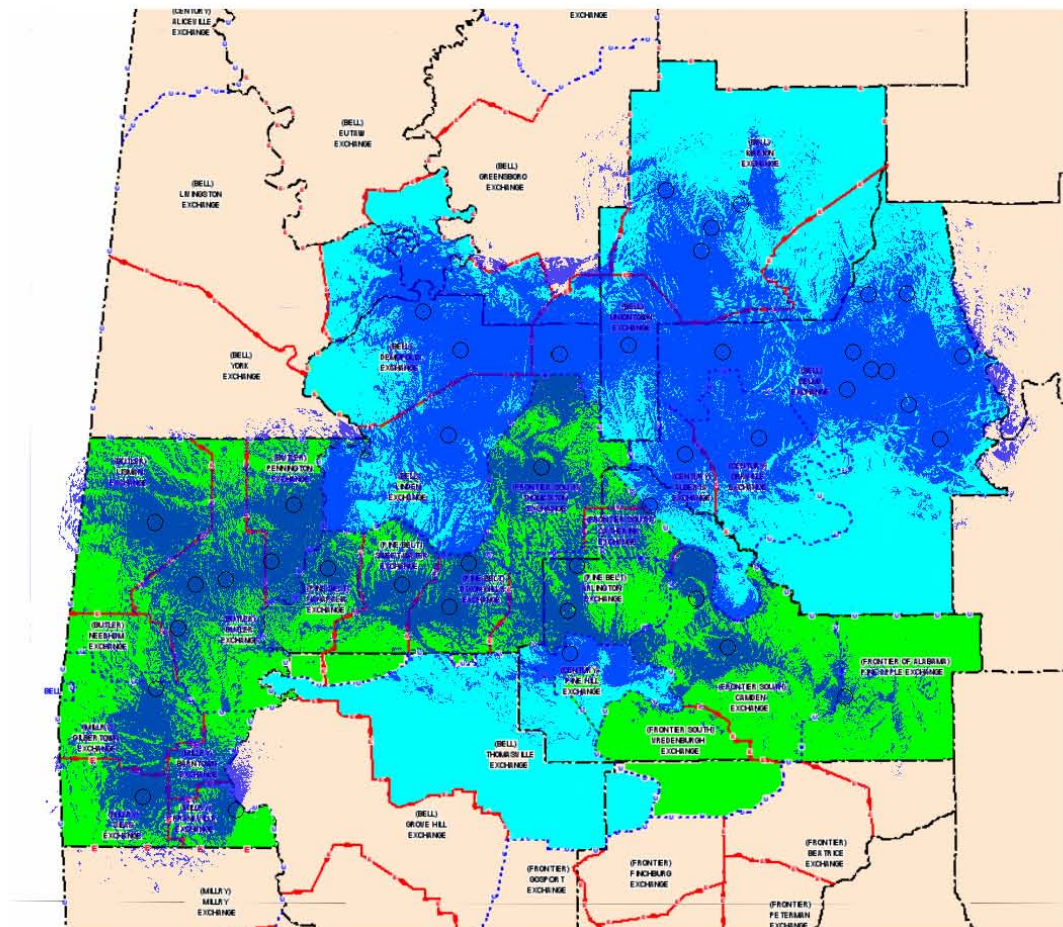
	7/1/2007	6/30/2008	Change During Period
Gross Plant In Service	11,840,681	12,707,810	867,129
Plant Under Construction	469,269	179,912	(289,357)
Total	12,309,950	12,887,722	577,772

During this same period Pine Belt received \$62,242 in High Cost and Interstate Access Support.

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Figure 1 shows Pine Belt's modeled coverage from existing infrastructure as of June 30, 2008.



**Figure 1: Pine Belt Cellular, Inc - Coverage as of June 30, 2008**

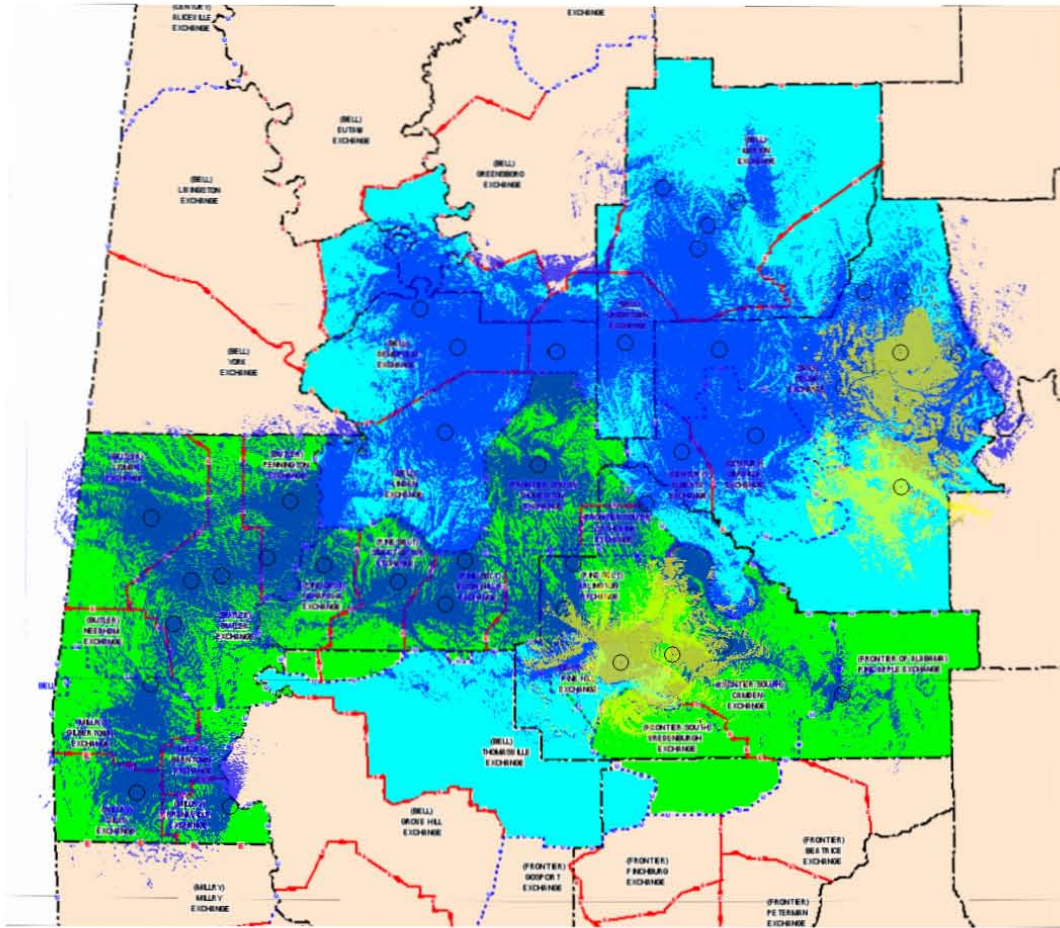
The shaded areas represent predicted coverage at a  $-100\text{dBm}$  forward signal strength. The underlying areas and boundaries coincide with the various ILEC exchange boundaries and/or wire centers.

Pine Belt originally was granted CETC authorization limited to the underlying ILEC areas represented by the light blue background. Pine Belt's CETC authorization was extended in the FCC order issued on May 1, 2008 to also include the ILEC areas represented by the green background.

Additional coverage from future construction and network improvement plans for the next four years are illustrated in Figures 2-5 followed by a discussion of the fifth year improvement plans are discussed on page 7.

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**Figure 2: Pine Belt Coverage Existing & Projected Through June 30, 2009**

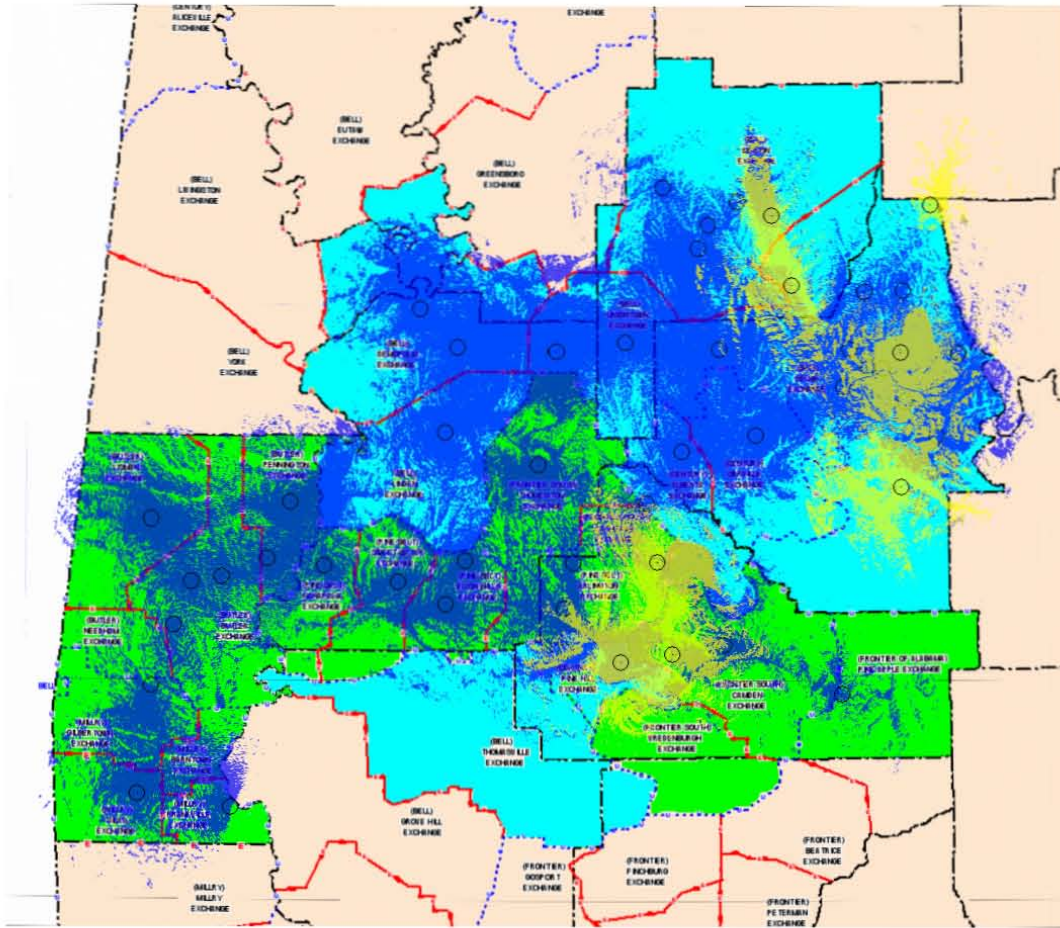
Planned projects include transceivers at:

- ❑ Yellow Bluff and Possum Bend in Wilcox County
- ❑ Sardis & Selma East on Hwy 14 in Dallas County



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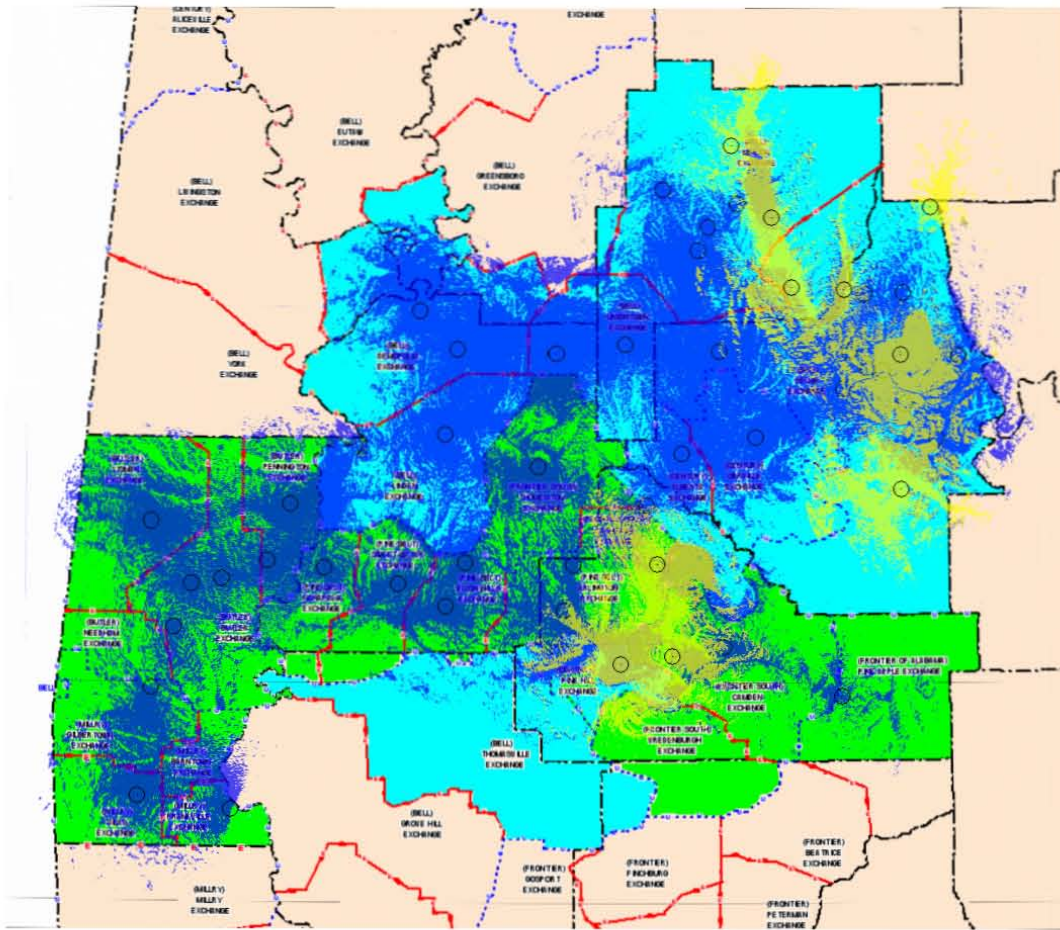
**Figure 3: Pine Belt Coverage – Existing & Projected Through June 30, 2010**

Planned projects include transceivers at:

- ❑ Lee Long Bridge in Wilcox County and
- ❑ Plantersville in Dallas County
- ❑ Radford and Suttle, in Perry County

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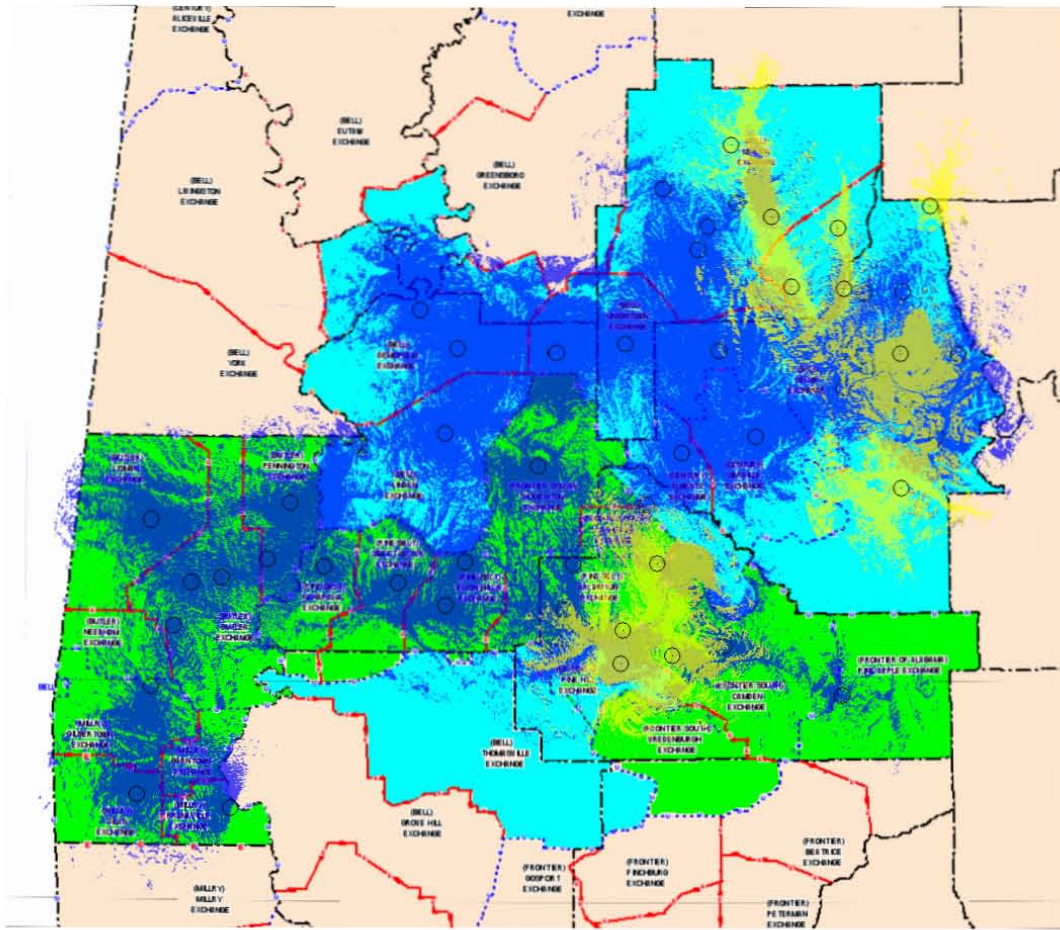
**Figure 4: Pine Belt Coverage – Existing & Projected Through June 30, 2011**

Planned projects include:

- ❑ Heiberger in Perry County and
- ❑ Jadlocks in Dallas County

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**Figure 5: Pine Belt Coverage – Existing & Projected Through June 30, 2012**

Planned projects include transceivers at:

- ❑ Perryville in Perry County

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### **Projected Plans for the Year Beginning July 1, 2012 and Beyond**

Additional construction and coverage targets include:

- ❑ Closing the remaining gap between Camden and Selma along Alabama Highway's 41 and 89.
- ❑ Coverage along Alabama Highway 21 through Furman and Snow Hill
- ❑ Coverage along Alabama Highway 10 through Pineapple
- ❑ Coverage along Alabama Highway's 219 & 183 in North Perry County.

Coverage models have not been produced for these prospective sites.



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## II. Outages Lasting 30 Minutes or Longer Potentially Affecting at Least 10% of End Users in a Designated Service Area

Pine Belt serves a relatively small subscriber base in a small, rural area. As a result, one could argue that any outage has the potential impact of affecting service to 10% or more of its end users. Out of an abundance of caution, Pine Belt herewith submits a log of all critical outages lasting 30 minutes or longer during the reporting period.

Start Date	Start Time	End Date	End Time	Facility	Reason
8/18/2007	1:00	8/19/07	12:30	Cell 32	Lightning Back Plane Mini Cell
8/23/2007	19:00	10/24/2007	1:00	Cell 8	Lightning M/W Radio and DFI
8/23/2007	19:00	10/24/2007	23:30	Cell 30	Commercial Power Failure
9/27/2007	17:30	9/27/2007	20:30	Cell 24	1603 VTG card OOS, reset
9/27/2007	17:30	9/27/2007	20:30	Cell 25	1603 VTG card OOS, reset
10/26/2007	6:30	10/26/2007	7:45	TG 611	Choctaw County 911 trunks, TDS changed cross connect in DACCS
10/29/2007	19:00	10/29/2007	21:00	Cell 1, 1b, 3, 3a, 3b, 8 & 8b Plus TG 700 & TG 611	Shiloh 1603 Clock Card Shorted Out, Burned
2/6/2008	6:30	2/6/2008	9:30	Cell 27	Lightning, DFI, CSC 1
2/16/2008	21:08	2/17/2008	10:49	Cell 27	Rectifier Burned out M/W Cabinet
2/17/2008	13:28	2/17/2008	14:43	Cell 27	Commercial Power Failure
2/20/2008	14:43	2/20/2008	15:50	Cell 33	Commercial Power Failure
2/28/2008	18:36	2/28/2008	22:24	Cell 8	M/W Radio trouble
2/28/2008	18:36	2/28/2008	22:24	Cell 8b	Donor site Cell 8 was OOS
3/3/2008	14:30	4/29/2008		Cell 24a	Fire at site destroyed equipment - ruled as arson by local law enforcement
3/4/2008	5:30	3/4/2008	8:15	Cell 24	Marion 1603 VTG Card failed
3/4/2008	5:30	3/4/2008	8:15	Cell 24b	Marion 1603 VTG Card failed, Donor Cell 24 OOS
3/4/2008	5:30	3/4/2008	8:15	Cell 24g	Marion 1603 VTG Card failed, Donor Cell 24 OOS
3/4/2008	6:30	3/4/2008	8:15	Cell 25	Marion 1603 VTG Card failed
3/17/2008	14:11	3/17/2008	17:29	Cell 32	Commercial Power Failure
6/13/2008	6:00	6/16/2008	14:15	Cell 4b	Amplifier faulty, ordered replacement

### ❑ Outages Potentially Affecting a 911 Special Facility

During the reporting period, there were two incidents in which Pine Belt's ability to process calls to the 911 emergency response system was adversely impacted. These occurred on 10/26/2007 and 10/29/2007 and were all restricted to the facilities that serve Choctaw County, Alabama.

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- ***Actions taken to mitigate future occurrences include:***
- a. Regularly scheduled inspections of network critical components, including but not limited to line sweeps, power calibrations, and ground field audits;
  - b. Periodic reviews of all in preventive maintenance activities looking for indications of impending equipment failures;
  - c. Requests for priority treatment from supporting utilities and deployment of portable standby power generation equipment if necessary;
  - d. Coordination with ILEC

### **III. Unfulfilled Service Request**

Pine Belt has no pending requests for service in the area in which it holds ETC designation from the past year. There were three applicants during the year that disconnected during the initial subscription grace period because of reported quality of service issues at the customers premise.

### **IV. Complaints per 1,000 Handsets or Lines**

During the reporting period Pine Belt averaged less than 7 quality-of-service related complaints per 1000 handsets per annum.

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**V. Certification**

Pine Belt Cellular, Inc. certifies that;

- a) it is complying with the applicable service quality standards and consumer protection rules;
- b) it is able to function in emergency situations as set forth in Section 54.201(a)(2) of the Commission's Rules;
- c) it offers a local usage plan comparable to that offered by the incumbent LEC in the relevant service areas; and
- d) it acknowledges that the Commission may require it to provide equal access to long distance carriers in the event that no other eligible telecommunications carrier is providing equal access within the service area.



By: \_\_\_\_\_  
John C. Nettles, President  
Pine Belt Cellular, Inc.

Date: September 29, 2008